GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4393
ANSWERED ON:25.08.2005
BURDEN OF SALE TAX ON PETROLEUM PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has requested to the State Government to slash sales tax to decrease the burden of increasing prices on the people; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the State Governments to this proposal ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) & (b): The Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas has requested State Chief Ministers through his letters dated 12th August /15th October 2004, and the Chairman of the Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers through letter dated the 10th November, 2004, to reduce/maintain sales tax rates on petroleum products, especially petrol and diesel, at their earlier agreed uniform floor levels with a view to containing the impact of high international prices on the domestic consumer prices of these products.

Twenty three (23) States, as per the list at the Annex, have acknowledged receipt of the communication. The matter is being pursued.

ANNEX

LIST OF STATES WHO HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED THE COMMUNICATION FROM MINISTER (PNG)

S. No. STATE

1. Andhra Pradesh
2. Assam
3. Bihar
4. Chhattisgarh
5. Delhi
6. Gujarat
7 Haryana
8. Jammu & Kashmir
9. Jharkhand
10. Karnataka
11. Madhya Pradesh
12. Maharashtra
13. Manipur
14. Meghalaya
15. Mizoram
16. Nagaland
17. Orissa
18 Punjab
19. Rajasthan
20. Sikkim
21. Uttar Pradesh
22. Uttaranchal
23. West Bengal